WE LEARN - Education Technology Grant
Guidelines Individual NSW/ACT

Variety NSW We Learn – Education Technology grants open at **9am on 25th July and close at 5pm on 24th August 2022.**
Please note that you will **not be able to submit your application before or after these times**.

Introduction

Variety NSW/ACT provides access to an Education Technology Grant for secondary school children living with financial hardship to increase and encourage their educational goals, where they may not otherwise be afforded the opportunity to do so.

Eligibility

- Applicants must live in NSW or ACT.
- Applicants must be 18 years and under.
- Students must be enrolled in full-time secondary or tertiary education, i.e. in school years 7 – 12, TAFE or other educational institution.
- Only one application per household will be considered.
- Maximum gross household income of $45,000 per annum (excluding super).
- Previous recipients of the following technology grants may be eligible to reapply after 24 months from the date of their outcome letter:
    a. Variety Education Supplies and Technology Grant
    b. Variety We Learn – Education Technology Grant
- Previous unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply again for an education technology grant 12 months after the date listed on their outcome letter.

Education Technology Grant requests

Successful applicants will be able to access a laptop and laptop sleeve via the online Harvey Norman/Variety NSW website. A link to the website will be provided to successful applicants.

The laptops have been pre-selected. The following device will be provided:

Acer TMB311-32 and cover. Click HERE for brochure and specifications

There is no option to request a different brand or model, or to take funds in place of the pre-selected equipment.

Once purchases are approved by Kids Support, Harvey Norman will despatch the items directly to the grant recipient.

Applications

- Applications can be made on behalf of the students under 18 years by a parent/carer or another identified support person (medical professional, caseworker, teacher etc) aged 18 years and over or
- Applications can be made by students aged 18 years and over.

Applicants will be expected to submit a truthful and factual application and attach relevant documentation as evidence.

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Attachments/Evidence

Proof of Household Income

We need to verify the total gross household income for your family does not exceed $45,000 per annum. This means the total income for a single parent/carer, or the total income for both parents (if living in the same property and/or financially responsible for the young person) before any tax is deducted.

For each parent/carer who is financially responsible for the child one of the following documents must be submitted:

1. If the parent/carer is receiving Centrelink benefits provide your most recent Centrelink Income Statement. (this is not your annual PAYG Centrelink Activity Statement.)
   You can download examples of acceptable Centrelink statements HERE.

   > If you are unsure how to obtain your Centrelink Income Statement online from MyGov, please click here for instructions.
   > If you are unsure how to obtain your Centreline Income Statement from the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app click here for instructions.

   OR

2. If parent/carer is not receiving Centrelink benefits and is employed (full time, part time or casual) provide your most recent payslip showing annual income.

   It is important that you provide the correct information as we are unable to consider applications with insufficient financial evidence.

Post-Submission and Assessment – 2022

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After submission, applications will be assessed by the Committee at the next scheduled meeting. You will receive notification by email when your application has been assessed. Please allow up to 5 weeks for the process to be complete after you submit your application.

Each application is assessed by the Kids Support team on its own merit. Eligible submissions are presented to the Kids Support Committee for the final decision.

Decision

This is an extremely competitive grant, and the Kids Support Grants Committee has overall discretion over the outcomes. Not every application will be successful.

Outcome letters are emailed to applicants when their applications have been assessed by the Kids Support Grants Committee.

Unsuccessful Applicants
- Reasons pertaining to unsuccessful applications are at the discretion of the Kids Support Grants Committee
- Unsuccessful applicants may be eligible to reapply in 12 months from the date listed on the outcome letter.

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Successful Applicants

- Successful applicants have 1 month from the date of approval on their outcome letter to order their laptop and case from Harvey Norman.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to action all appropriate steps after receiving the outcome letter (as directed)
- Any unclaimed equipment will be forfeited after the expiry date of the grant.

Outcome Reporting

A short survey about the grant submission process will be sent to the applicant shortly after their application is submitted. This survey will help Kids Support refine the application process and we would be very grateful if it is returned.

On completion of a successful grant, a further survey will be emailed to the applicant. This survey will help Kids Support understand how the grant has helped the recipient with their studies.

Outside completing a survey and without obligation, Variety enjoys hearing any updates on a child's progress, well-being and achievements once they've received their grant. If the parent/carer and the child feel comfortable to share any updates with Variety, please email them through to kidssupport@varietynsw.org.au.

Application Steps/Process

Submission of Grant application → Grant initially assessed by Variety Kids Support Team → Eligible submissions are presented to the Kids Support Committee for approval → Kids Support Committee meet

Variety emails short survey to be completed by applicant ← Payment is finalised and goods are delivered by Harvey Norman ← Successful applicants place online orders with Harvey Norman ← Outcome letters are emailed to applicants